



Behavioral Health  
HUMAN SERVICES



# North Dakota Medicaid 1915(i) State Plan Amendment Respite

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# 1915(i) Services

- Care Coordination
- Training and Supports for Unpaid Caregivers
- Community Transition Services
- Benefits Planning
- Non-Medical Transportation
- **Respite**
- Family Peer Support
- Peer Support
- Prevocational Training
- Supported Education
- Supported Employment
- Housing Support Services

# What is the Purpose of Respite?

Provided to participants unable to care for themselves. Furnished on a short-term basis because of the absence or need for relief of the caregiver.

# Respite Care Service Activities

Assistance with daily living skills

Assistance with accessing/transporting to/from community activities

Assistance with grooming and personal hygiene

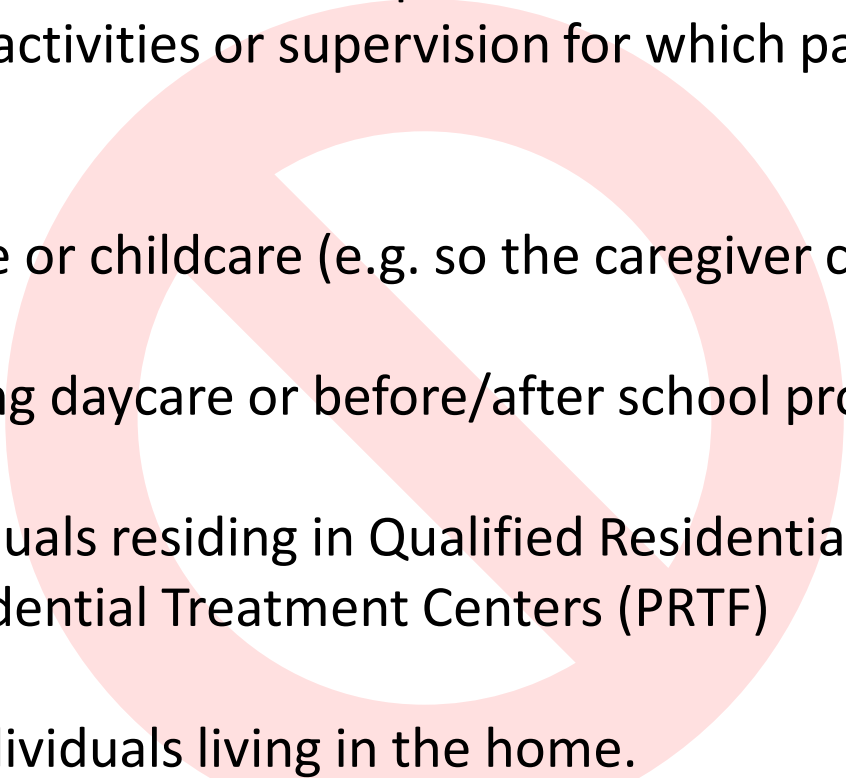
Meal preparation, serving and cleanup

Administration of medications

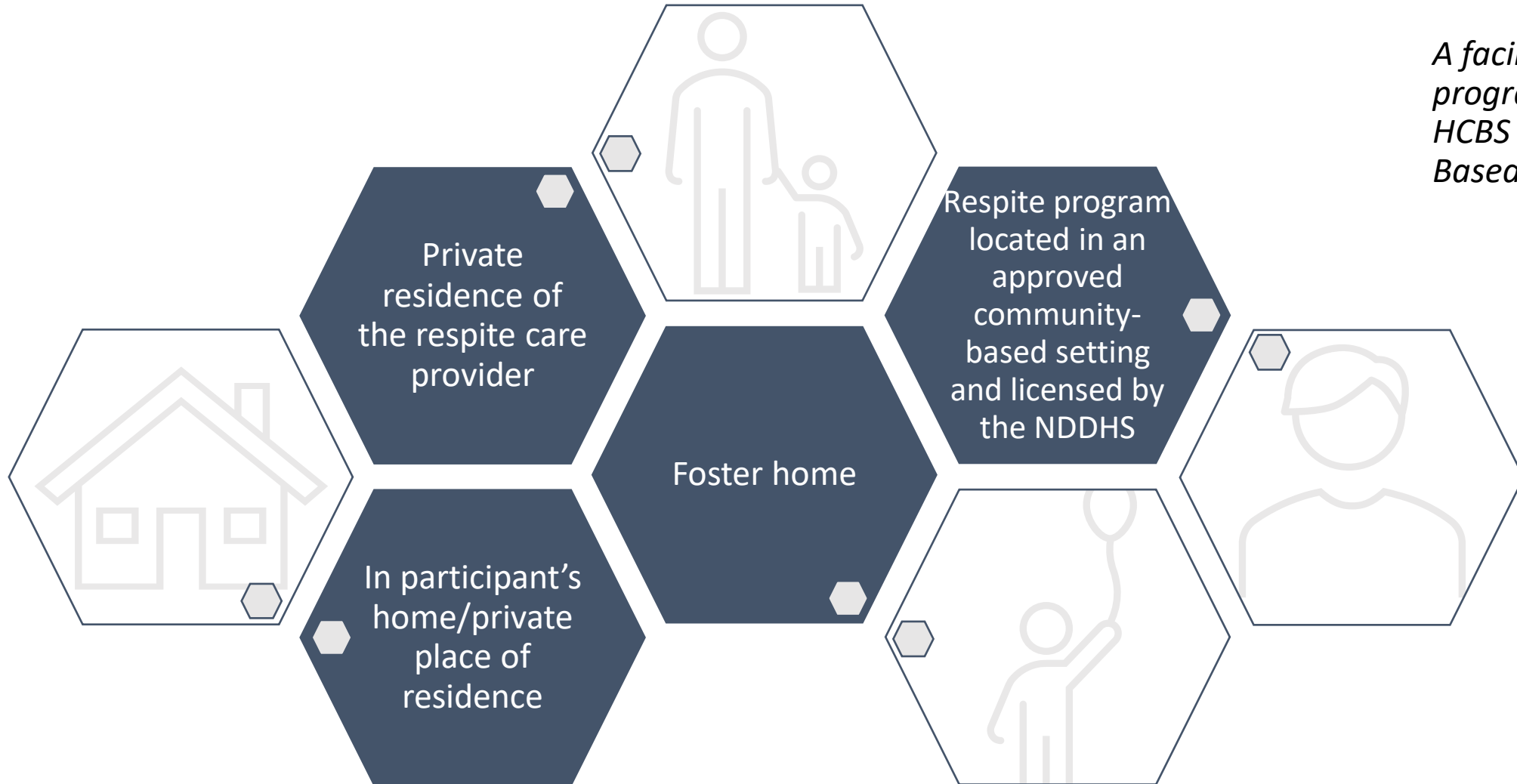
Supervision

Recreational and leisure activities

# Respite Service Restrictions

- CANNOT be used for the routine care and supervision which would be expected to be provided by a caregiver for activities or supervision for which payment is made by a source other than Medicaid.
  - CANNOT be used as daycare or childcare (e.g. so the caregiver can go to work or school)
  - CANNOT be used as on-going daycare or before/after school programs
  - CANNOT be used for individuals residing in Qualified Residential Treatment Provider facilities (QRTP) and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Centers (PRTF)
  - CANNOT be provided by individuals living in the home.
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# Where Does Respite Care Take Place?



*A facility-based respite care program **does not** meet the HCBS 1915(c) Community Based Settings Rule.*

# Respite Services

- Includes hourly, daily or overnight support.
- Can be provided for the relief of a foster care provider, but foster care services may not be billed during the period that respite is furnished.
- Receipt of respite care does not necessarily preclude a participant from receiving other services on the same day.
  - Payment may not be made for respite furnished at the same time when other services that include care and supervision are provided.

The “21st Century Cures Act”, signed into law in December 2016 required Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) of Medicaid-funded home health and personal care services requiring an in-home visit.

An EVV System is used to electronically verify that personal care, home health, and other home and community-based services (HCBS) are being provided.

The EVV System Must Verify:

- Type of service performed;
- Individual receiving the service;
- Date of the service;
- Location of service delivery;
- Individual providing the service; and
- Time the service begins and ends.

DHS is currently contracted with ***Therap***. This contract will be amended to allow 1915(i) access to the required case management component to implement EVV.

# Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)

## Resources:

- [Therap Electronic Visit Verification \(EVV\) Overview for North Dakota](#)
- [Sandata Interface Training](#)
- [North Dakota Electronic Visit Verification \(EVV\) Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)



# Not-Duplicative of Other Services

The state has identified the Respite service, age 0 to 21, within the 1915(i) is duplicative of the Respite/In-Home Supports services within the following **HCBS 1915(c) Waivers**:

- ID/DD Waiver – Age 0+;
- Medically Fragile Waiver – Age 3 to 18;
- Autism Waiver – Age 0 to 14;
- Children's Hospice Waiver – Age 0 to 22;
- HCBS Age/Disable Waiver – Ages 18+.

Services through Medicaid 1915(i) must not be duplicated services funded **under section 110 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973** or the **IDEA** (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.)

Respite care cannot be used to provide service to a participant while the participant is eligible to receive Part B services through IDEA.

# Not-Duplicative of Other Services



The ***Care Coordinator*** will contact the State Medicaid Office at [nd1915i@nd.gov](mailto:nd1915i@nd.gov) to inquire if the member has any eligibility spans for any of the C waivers in MMIS.

- If yes, the Care Coordinator will reach out to the C Waiver authority and do due diligence to ensure the plan of care does not include duplicative services.



# *Group* Provider Requirements

A **provider** of this service must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a North Dakota Medicaid provider agreement and attest to the following:
  - individual practitioners meet the required qualifications
  - services will be provided within their scope of practice
  - individual practitioners will have the required competencies identified in the service scope
  - agency conducts training in accordance with state policies and procedures
  - agency adheres to all 1915(i) standards and requirements
  - agency policies and procedures, including but not limited to, participant rights, abuse, neglect, exploitation, use of restraints and reporting procedures are written and available for NDDHS review upon request



# *Individual* Provider Requirements

The **individual** providing the service must:

- Be employed by an enrolled ND Medicaid enrolled billing group of this service.
- Be at least 18 years of age

# License Requirements

- **Family Foster Homes** licensed under NDAC 75- 03-14
- **Therapeutic Foster Homes** licensed by Licensed Child Placing Agencies under NDAC 75- 03-36
- **Foster Homes for Adults** licensed under 75- 03-21
- **Supervised Independent Living Programs** licensed under NDAC 75- 03-41
- **Family Child Care Homes** licensed under NDAC -75- 03-08
- **Group Child Care** licensed under NDAC 75- 03-09
- **Child Care Centers** licensed under NDAC 75- 03-10
- Providers licensed by the NDDHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities under 75- 04-01;
- **Qualified Residential Treatment Program Providers** licensed by the NDDHS, Children and Family Services Division, under 75- 03-40 and enrolled as a Medicaid Provider of Community Based Services;
- **Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Providers** licensed by the NDDHS, Behavioral Health Division, under NDAC 75- 03-17 and enrolled as Medicaid Provider of Community Based Services;
- Providers licensed by the NDDHS under 75- 05-00.1 **Human Service Center** Licensure
- Enrolled **Qualified Service Provider** 75-03-23- 07
- **Substance Abuse Treatment Program** licensed under NDAC 75- 09.1

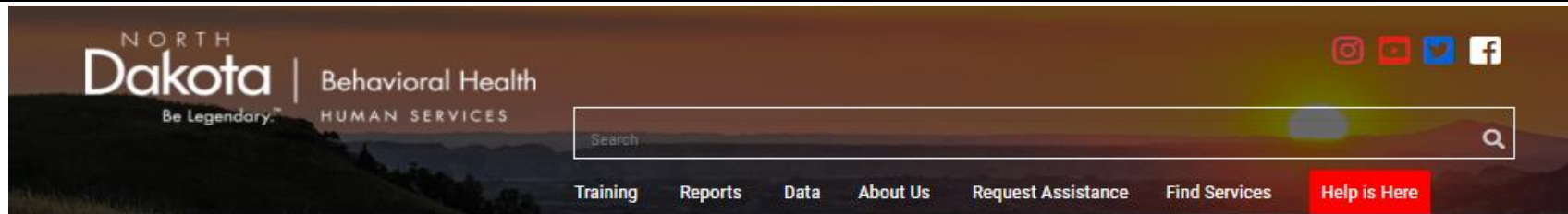
# Rates and Codes

Service Rate and Limits	Code
\$7.31 per 15 minutes	T2027
40 hours per month	
480 hours per year	

# PROVIDER RESOURCES



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## Medicaid 1915(i) State Plan Amendment

The North Dakota Medicaid 1915(i) State Plan Amendment allows North Dakota Medicaid to pay for additional home and community-based services to support individuals with behavioral health conditions.

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## Enrolling as a 1915(i) Provider and Providing Services

### Benefits of 1915(i)



#### Consumers

Services available closer to home and are specifically targeted to need



#### Behavioral Health Professionals

Opportunities to expand workforce through non-traditional behavioral health professionals and improve access in rural areas expands workforce



#### Private Providers

Opportunities to bill for new services, expanding services and increasing revenue

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# Technical Assistance Calls for 1915(i) Providers

Medical Services and Behavioral Health Divisions are offering Technical Assistance for 1915(i) providers through a series of calls every Wednesday, beginning January 20, 2021, 1-2pm.

This training is offered online, every Wednesday from 1-2pm CT.

[behavioralhealth.nd.gov/1915i/trainings](https://behavioralhealth.nd.gov/1915i/trainings)

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